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## IF honors its top military personnel

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ROME, N.Y. — Capt. David W. Marsh and Tech. Sgt. Sheila G. Meola have been named Company Grade Officer of the Year and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, respectively, at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate.

Marsh, a native of Nampa, Idaho, is chief engineer for Flight Management Improvement Programs in the directorate's Information Technology Division. He also serves as squadron section commander for military personnel assigned to the AFRL Rome Research Site. He was cited specifically for his leadership and performance serving simultaneously as squadron section commander, directorate executive officer and as the site's disaster preparedness officer on and after the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Commissioned in June 1992, Marsh has been assigned to Rome since May 2000. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Seattle Pacific University and earned a master's in computer engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Meola is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the directorate's Theater Battle Management Core Systems Integration program.

She was selected for the honor based on her performance in the installation and training effort for the \$21 million Theater Air and Missile Defense (TAMD) program for Air Operation Centers and theater commanders-in-chief. She directs a five-member government-industry team on installation and administrative procedures for the directorate's Joint Defensive Planner, which automates the command and control technologies focusing on defensive planning.

The sergeant, a native of Virginia, is a 19-year veteran of the Air Force who was assigned to Rome in December 2000. She is currently pursuing correspondence courses towards a bachelor of science degree in information technology from the University of Phoenix and an associate's degree in information management from the Community College of the Air Force. @